

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Buena Vista, Va., the home of Bro. B. C. Moomaw, has secured a Lutheran college in which it takes much pride.

On a card dated 6th, Bro. McFaden says, "Last Sunday night we had one to come and confess her intention of going with us. Letter later."

Love to God or man that does not open the pocket-book to glorify the one and help the other is not love at all—it is selfishness.

The printer has not yet completed our *Annals*. We surely think we can mail them to all who have ordered them sometime next week.

Owing to our trip to Chicago and the setting up of a new rotary job press in the printing office we are again late this week. We do hope to be on time next week.

The only loyalty that is worth anything to a church is that which comes from being loyal to Christ. "He is the author and finisher of our faith," the captain of our salvation.

Bro McFaden says: "I had the pleasure of assisting Bro. John Burnworth in receiving thirteen members into the church at Silver Creek, Falls City, Neb., the result of a little work at that pleasant place."

Contributors are falling into line nicely and if they will keep grinding out matter the year through as they have so far this year we shall be able to give you a paper as much improved over last year in contents as it is in form.

Next week we hope to have something to say about our National conference—retrospective and prospective. We also now extend the liberty to all others who have any criticisms on the past or suggestions for the future to present them.

Brother Calvert has sent us two acceptable advertisements of firms doing business in Mansfield. This is one way in which you can help our Publishing House very materially. Just see how much acceptable advertising you can get for us. We allow a liberal commission for this service.

As can be seen from our "gleanings" the *Daily Courier*, Waterloo, Iowa, keeps a sympathizing eye on our suffering boy, and of the doings of the Brethren generally. *The paper is very popular with our people there. So far as we remember it is found in every family. Few if any who take it once ever feel like discontinuing its visits. It is a moral, clean sheet, a model of its kind editorially and mechanically.

A card from Bro. Henry Wise, Parkersburg, W. Va., dated 8th instant says: "I have just got home from Pennsylvania where I was sick for several weeks, and did not know but my paper was coming. Of course we could not do without the paper."

In this No., we publish under, "Sermon outline" an Elijah voice against the modern craze for pleasure. All who have children or are in any way interested in them should not fail to read this sermon, "Some downward tendencies." These things are sapping the young life of our country. It is high time to call a halt.

Some people vainly suppose that because they are serving and honoring their church they are therefore serving and honoring God—as if the church and God were synonymous. If any one thinks there is a church keeping the whole law of God, let him read Christ's sermon on the Mount, and tell us where to find the church that literally obeys every precept laid down in this sermon.

The BRETHREN EVANGELIST from March 1, to end of year \$1.25. Can you, the reader of this item, not send us at least one subscriber for that time? By so doing you will help your Publishing House, and be sending an instructor and inspirer to the home of your friend, that will visit him, regardless of weather, roads or health, forty-one times yet this year. We are almost certain you can do this much if you will; for "where there's a will there's a way."

There is sympathy and love of the cause now manifesting itself that reaches to the bottom of the pocket-book. The brother from Newark, who does not give his name, is one of them. Sister Grubb, of Jennings, Louisiana, is another. A brother of Ashland was in our office last week and said the first \$10 he could spare from his business he wants to use in sending the EVANGELIST to the poor. This is brotherly not simply in name and theory, but in deed and truth. "The poor ye have always, and when ye will ye can do them good."

The Anarchist Valliant, bomb thrower, thief and murderer, who was guillotined in Paris this week, met death with apparent courage, shouting with his last breath the abhorrent principles of his political creed. It is a strange element of human nature that the most detestable of causes can find its martyrs, and men will die for the devil with an air of heroism and self-sacrifice. How much of it is simple bravado, and how much of it is mistaken heroism would be hard to say, but its effect in propagating false and dangerous principles remains the same.—*Buena Vista, (Va.) Advocate.*

While our legislatures—National and State—are wrangling over questions affecting the welfare of the present generation. We are wont to ask the question: "How would it be if every citizen was a true Christian?" We mean those who would in very fact represent Christ in their life. A great many more people judge Christianity by those who profess it than by the principles which Christ taught; and unfortunately the professor and the professed are generally very much out of harmony.

We have a great many isolated members whose only preaching by the church of their choice is what the EVANGELIST does. Some of these members make it a rule to write a letter for the EVANGELIST once a year. We wish this rule might be generally adopted. It would be an excellent thing for every member of the church to form the habit of doing. Get in touch with the church's thought center. It will be a great satisfaction as we dress in the years soon to be donned if our lives are spared, to keep near those friends we loved from our twentieth to fortieth birthdays.

"Spirituality is carrying the angelic song into life. I know of no word less understood than this. Here is one who talks much about religion and the coldness of the church. His mind runs on sermons and salvation. He is reputed to be deeply spiritual; but I don't know. Tell me, does he love peace and good will? Is he patient under God's crosses, and is he willing to help others? Does he love men because Jesus did? If so, he is spiritual; if not, he is a hollow drum beating itself. Jesus is yours to give away. His bread is always broken and His wine always poured out. God's angels come to us on wings. Put wheels under your manger and send it on a mission about the earth."

Bro. Replogle, of Johnstown and Bro. Keller present questions of much importance to their respective districts. We have just read a report of our G. B. Brethren's mission work, and find that it cost them an average of \$110 for every soul added to the church, and yet the secretary says they have great reasons to be encouraged; and that the sum of money expended sinks into nothingness when it is remembered that one soul is of more value than the whole world. If our G. B. Brethren have great reasons to push their mission work when it costs them \$110 for each soul saved what ought we do when those added to our churches have not cost us to exceed an average of \$3.00 each? Just think for the money expended by the G. B. Brethren mission work to convert one man the same sum expended by the Brethren converts 36. Surely we have great reasons to be encouraged, and if we neglect our opportunity, when we are weighed in the balance, we shall be found wanting.